

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6821

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a disclosure requirement under the Medicare program for physicians referring for imaging services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2008

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Imaging Dis-

5 closure Sunshine Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE MEDI-**
2 **CARE PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIANS REFER-**
3 **RING FOR IMAGING SERVICES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1877(b)(2) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395nn(b)(2)) is amended by
6 adding at the end the following new sentence: “Such re-
7 quirements shall, with respect to magnetic resonance im-
8 aging, computed tomography, positron emission tomog-
9 raphy, and any other designated health services specified
10 under subsection (h)(6)(D) that the Secretary determines
11 appropriate, include a requirement that the referring phy-
12 sician inform the individual in writing at the time of the
13 referral that the individual may obtain the services for
14 which the individual is being referred from a person other
15 than a person described in subparagraph (A)(i) and pro-
16 vide such individual with a written list of suppliers (as
17 defined in section 1861(d)) who furnish such services in
18 the area in which such individual resides.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
20 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
21 January 1, 2010.

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